

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
APRIL 7, 1954

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, April 7, 1954; Councilman Hillman, Preszler, Rinn, Robinson and Richey (Mayor) present; none absent. City Manager Weller and City Attorney Millen were also present.

Minutes of the previous meetings of March 3, 1954 and March 17, 1954 were approved as written and mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS

WISE WORK COMMENDED	Letter from the Board of Trustees of the Lodi Elementary School District commending the City Council for the work that is being done by Harold Wise, Planning Consultant. The Board stated in its letter that it is of the opinion that his work will be of great value to the City and to the Lodi schools.
SAFEWAY UTILITY RELOCATION	Letter from Continental Properties Company, Division of Safeway Stores, Inc., submitting a draft in the amount of \$2,530.00 to cover the cost of relocating sewer and water lines in Block 36, City of Lodi, thereby complying with the conditions stipulated by the City Council to be met before action would be taken to abandon the alley in said block.
CAL AGGIE PICNIC DAY	Letter from the University of California at Davis announcing Cal Aggie Picnic Day to be held on April 10, 1954 on the Davis Campus.
BUDDIST CHURCH	Letter from the Buddhist Church of Lodi stating that it plans to erect a new church at 23 North Stockton Street and that it desired permission to block off the alley south of the church during the week of April 14-21 while the old church was being dismantled. The City Council instructed the City Manager to make certain that the alley was not needed during this period before notifying the church that permission had been granted.
LCC,CVD MEETING	Letter from the City of Merced announcing a meeting of the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities on April 22, 1954.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

WINDSOR TRACT REZONING CRD. 508 INTRODUCED	Mayor Richey opened the meeting to people wishing to be heard on the Question of rezoning of Lots 24, 25, 46 and 47 of the Windsor Tract. Due notice and publication of the intention of the City Council to rezone said property from the R-1 to the R-3 Residential District having been given and no protest being received, Councilman Robinson moved, Rinn second, the introduction of Ordinance No. 508, approving the rezoning as requested.
ALLEY ABANDONMENT ELCCK 36, 408 RES. #1810 ADOPTED	Mayor Richey opened the meeting to the reception of protests to the proposed abandonment of the alley in Block 36 of the City of Lodi. There being no objections or protests offered, Councilman Preszler moved, Hillman second, the adoption of Resolution No. 1810, ordering the abandonment of the alley in Block 36, City of Lodi, as described in Ordinance of Intention No. 507. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

OIL DISTRIBUTOR SPECS	The City Manager presented specifications for an oil distributor which he recommended for purchase in the Engineering Department. The estimated cost of the equipment is \$2,500. Mr. Weller explained that provisions for the purchase of this equipment had not been included in the 1953-54 budget; however, there was sufficient money in the fund to make the purchase. He added
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that the City now rents this piece of equipment when needed, but the equipment is not always available when needed, thereby causing delays in Department operations. The City presently spends between \$350 and \$400 per year for the rental of this piece of equipment. Councilman Hillman asked if this was a sudden inspiration on the part of the City Engineer and why hadn't the Council heard of the need before. Mr. Weller explained that the Street crews have been doing more work this year than was anticipated and the need for the equipment is more frequent. Since there are certain days when the application of the liquid asphalt is unsafe due to winds causing drifts which endanger cars, buildings, etc., it is important in the scheduling of work for the crews to have the equipment available when conditions are favorable. Councilman Robinson stated that he thought the Engineering crews had been very efficient and if this equipment was necessary to facilitate their work, he felt they should have it. The specifications were then approved on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Robinson second.

BOARD OF FIRE UNDER- WRITERS RECOM - MENDATIONS	Mr. Weller then stated that he visited the Board of Fire Underwriters in San Francisco, accompanied by Fire Chief Polenske and Assistant Fire Chief Ritzmann, to discuss the recent survey conducted by the Board in Lodi. The purpose of the survey was to determine whether Lodi qualifies for a Class IV fire rating, on the basis of recent improvements made in the Fire Department. Mr. Weller reported that the evaluation of the survey was not complete; however, the Board of Fire Underwriters had made several suggestions for improvement of the City's position.
HOUSE CAPTAIN RECLASSI- FICATION	The first suggestion is to retitle the job classification of "House Captain" to that of "Fire Captain", with a clarification of the duties for that position. The Board also wants the appointments to this position made by written competitive examination. At least for the present, it would not involve any salary increase. Councilman Robinson asked if experience or time served on the job count for anything in the examination or appointment. Mr. Weller replied that the Fire Chief feels that the examination should be confined to men at the top salary step. Mr. Robinson stated that he felt that if the three men presently holding the title of "House Captain" receive a passing grade, they should receive the appointment regardless of their place on the eligible list. Mr. Weller stated that it was only fair to point out that the duties of the "House Captain" at original appointment was mainly to clean up and police the fire houses. It was agreed that if the incumbents to the position receive a passing grade in the examination, they should get the appointment regardless of their position on the list. Mr. Weller stated that the Board also recommended
FIRE HOSE SPECS	the purchase of 1,000 feet of 3-inch hose and 20 feet of 5-inch hard suction hose. The total estimated cost is approximately \$2,800. Mr. Weller proposed that the purchase be made on an informal bid basis. After further discussion, the Council agreed to authorize the City Manager to deal on the open market and call for informal bids with the provision that a report be made to the City Council when the choice was made.
"XMAS TREE" FUNDS RES.#1809 ADOPTED	Mr. Weller reported that the City still had a credit of \$4,443.04 in the Chapter 47 Funds (Xmas Tree Funds) which can be used on a matching basis for plans. He stated that application should be made for these funds before the end of the fiscal year. On the motion of Councilman Rinn Hillman second, the Council voted to adopt Resolution No. 1809, authorizing the application for \$4,443.04, for the plans for the sewer plant expansion.
CLAIMS	Claims in the amount of \$74,911.01 were approved on the motion of Councilman Hillman, Rinn second.
GOLF DRIVING RANGE CONTRACT	Mr. Weller presented a draft of a contract between the City and Mr. Andy Devine for the operation of the golf driving range on the Festival grounds. The contract provided for the construction by the City of a building at a cost of approximately \$1600 plus labor to be rented by Mr. Devine for the rental of \$20 per month. Councilman Robinson stated that he felt a rental of \$20 a month was not enough for a building of this type. After considerable discussion

the City Council agreed to hold the contract over to a subsequent meeting, but to permit Mr. Devine to operate until such time as the contract was signed, providing that he can give the City assurance that he has proper insurance coverage.

PARK SITE  
REQUEST  
GEORGE  
WASHINGTON  
SCHOOL

The Council then considered a letter from the Recreation Commission recommending the purchase of Lots 27 to 39 of the Bel-Air Estates subdivision as said lots were designated on the tentative map approved by the Planning Commission. Said lots cover an area of approximately 2.5 acres which will lie west of George Washington School grounds and along the east side of Fairmont Avenue as said street is shown on the tentative map. The Recreation Commission stated that such purchase for park purposes would be in line with their recommendation for the purchase of land for recreation in conjunction with school site acquisition. Councilman Robinson stated that the City is rather limited in the amount of land that can be purchased at one time, and since we know there is going to be a school site acquired in the southwest area of the City where we need a park, he did not think the City could make the recommended purchase. It was agreed that this purchase could not be made at this time. The Council expressed appreciation of the work being done by the Recreation Commission in planning the recreation program, but it felt that they must recognize the limitation on funds available for all the City's needs.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

KUHLMANN  
VARIANCE

The City Manager read a report from the Zoning Committee granting an adjustment to LaVerne Kuhlmann for front yard variance for a home to be constructed on Lot 28 and a portion of Lot 29 of the Koontz Subdivision. Said variance would permit a set-back of 16 feet due to the irregular shape of the lot which would place an undue hardship on the owner of the property.

CENTURY MANOR  
#2 REZONED

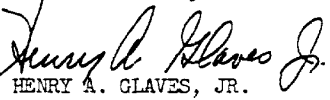
The Planning Commission, at the March 22, 1954 meeting, also granted a request for the rezoning of the Century Manor No. 2 Subdivision from the R-1 District to the R-2 Residence District. The lot sizes in the subdivision do not conform to the R-1 requirements.

MRS. EHRHARDT  
CONGRATULATED

Mayor Richey stated that Mrs. Ezra Ehrhardt had been honored recently by being chosen as the National Motorcycle Girl. She stated that Mr. and Mrs. Ehrhardt are fine types of people and have done a fine job of advertising Lodi in their motorcycle activities. The City Council voted to authorize the Mayor to write a letter of congratulations to Mrs. Ehrhardt.

On the motion of Councilman Rinn, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, April 20, 1954, at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

ATTEST:

  
HENRY A. GRAVES, JR.  
City Clerk